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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER 12

1. AMBASSADOR UNGER ASSESSES THE "NEW THAILAND"

AMBASSADOR UNGER IN BANGKOK HAS WITNESSED, ON THE EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE, CHANGES IN THAILAND'S OSSIFIED MILITARY-LED GOVERNMENT WHICH WERE INEVITABLE AND ESSENTIAL. THE AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THERE IS A SOMEWHAT BETTER THAN EVEN CHANCE THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS SET IN MOTION IN MID-OCTOBER MAY OPEN THE WAY FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF LONG-NEEDED MODERNIZATION AND IMPROVEMENTS AND STILL MAINTAIN FOR THAILAND ADEQUATE STABILITY AND SECURITY IN A CONTEXT OF CONTINUING FRIENDSHIP WITH THE US. HE RECOMMENDS THAT THE US MAINTAIN A FRIENDLY AND SYMPATHETIC POSTURE TOWARDS THE NEW GOVERNMENT, EVINCING A READINESS TO PROVIDE MODEST HELP, WHERE APPROPRIATE AND DESIRED. THE AMBASSADOR FURTHER SUGGESTS THAT THE US AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF DISCOURAGING EXPANDED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THAILAND AND THE PRC AND THE OPENING OF CONTACTS WITH THE DRV. (SECRET) BANGKOK 17574 (EXDIS) 11/10.

2. EMBASSY KAMPALA CLOSED

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EMBASSY KAMPALA TRANSMITTED ITS FINAL MESSAGE AT 1000Z, NOVEMBER 10, AND CHARGE KEELEY, ALONG WITH TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF, WERE SCHEDULED TO DEPART. KAMPALA AT 1745Z, NOVEMBER 10. THE PROTOCOL DE REMISE WAS SIGNED WITH AMBASSADOR KOPF OF THE FRG AT 0910Z. THE

CHARGE'S FINAL COMMENT WAS TO THE EFFECT THAT GENERAL AMIN
HAD REACHED THE UPPER LIMITS OF HIS ABILITIES AS A TOP
SERGEANT IN THE KING'S AFRICAN RIFLES AND HAS BEEN OVER
HIS HEAD EVER SINCE, MUCH TO UGANDA'S DETRIMENT.
(CONFIDENTIAL) KAMPALA 3355, 3356, AND 3357, 11/10. RUSH

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